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SECTION 30. DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS

OVERVIEW

TABLE 30.1. ANALYSIS OF OVERALL COSTS

(Thousands of United States dollars)

DIRECT COSTS

(1) Regular budget

1990-1991 appropriation	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates				Total requirements at revised 1991 rates	Inflation in 1992 and 1993		1992-1993 estimates
	Revaluation of 1990-1991 resource base		Resource growth					
	$	%	$	%	$	$	%	
7 315.8	20.0	0.2	120.8	1.6	7 456.6	548.3	7.3	8 004.9

Analysis of real growth (at revised 1991 rates)

(1) Total revalued 1990-1991 resource base	Resource growth				Rate of real growth (5) over (1)
	(2) Actual	(3) Less non-recurrent items	(4) Plus delayed growth (new posts)	(5) Adjusted	
7 335.8	120.8	-	116.0	236.8	3.2%

TABLE 30.1 (continued)

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

	1990-1991 estimated expenditures	1992-1993 estimated expenditures
(a) Services in support of:		
(i) Other United Nations organizations	-	-
(ii) Extrabudgetary programmes		
Trust Fund for Strengthening the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator	3 110.0	3 457.0
Special account for programme support costs for UNDRO	1 700.0	1 601.0
Total (a)	4 810.0	5 058.0
(b) Substantive activities		
Trust Fund for Disaster Relief Assistance	60 000.0	60 000.0
Sasakawa-UNDRO Disaster Prevention Award Endowment Fund	150.0	157.0
Total (b)	60 150.0	60 157.0
(c) Operational projects		
Trust Fund for UNDRO Technical Cooperation Activities	4 266.0	7 908.0
Total (c)	4 266.0	7 908.0
Total (a), (b) and (c)	69 226.0	73 123.0
Total, direct costs		81 127.9

TABLE 30.2. ANALYSIS OF REVALUED 1990-1991 RESOURCE BASE (AT REVISED 1991 RATE)

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	1990-1991 appropriation (1)	Non-recurrent 1990-1991 items (2)	Additional requirements: Delayed impact of 1990-1991 growth: Established posts (3)	Additional requirements: Delayed impact of 1990-1991 growth: Other objects of expenditure (4)	Additional requirements: Recosting at revised 1991 rates: Established posts (5)	Additional requirements: Recosting at revised 1991 rates: Other objects of expenditure (6)	Additional requirements: Special adjustments (7)	Additional requirements: Total (8)	Net additional requirements (9) (8)-(2)	Total revalued 1990-1991 resource base (10) (1)+(9)
A. Executive direction and management	2 380.5	-	-	-	34.0	2.9	-	36.9	36.9	2 417.4
B. Programme of work	4 366.8	-	-	-	15.8	16.4	-	32.2	32.2	4 399.0
C. Programme support	568.5	52.6	-	-	0.5	3.0	-	3.5	(49.1)	519.4
Total	7 315.8	52.6	-	-	50.3	22.3	-	72.6	20.0	7 335.8

TABLE 30.3. REGULAR BUDGET, DIRECT COSTS: SUMMARY OF 1992-1993 REQUIREMENTS AND RATES OF REAL GROWTH

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	1990-1991 appropriation	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates		Total requirements at revised 1991 rates	Inflation in 1992 and 1993	1992-1993 estimates	Rate of real growth %
		Revaluation of 1990-1991 resource base	Resource growth				
A. Executive direction and management	2 380.5	36.9	(1 056.1)	1 361.3	103.3	1 464.6	(43.6)
B. Programme of work	4 366.8	32.2	1 146.9	5 545.9	397.8	5 943.7	28.7
C. Programme support	568.5	(49.1)	30.0	549.4	47.2	596.6	5.7
Total	7 315.8	20.0	120.8	7 456.6	548.3	8 004.9	3.2

TABLE 30.4. REGULAR BUDGET, DIRECT COSTS: SUMMARY OF 1992-1993 REQUIREMENTS AND RATES OF REAL GROWTH, BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Objects of expenditure	1990-1991 appropriation	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates: Revaluation of 1990-1991 resource base	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates: Resource growth	Total requirements at revised 1991 rates	Inflation in 1992 and 1993	1992-1993 estimates	Rate of real growth %
Established posts	4 336.5	37.6	98.4	4 472.5	380.1	4 852.6	4.2
General temporary assistance	214.5	5.0	-	219.5	12.8	232.3	-
Consultants	17.0	0.7	-	17.7	1.0	18.7	-
Overtime	22.1	0.9	-	23.0	1.3	24.3	-
Ad hoc expert groups	35.3	2.9	(38.2)	-	-	-	(100.0)
Common staff costs	1 351.1	12.7	30.6	1 394.4	117.8	1 512.2	4.2
Representation allowances	9.2	-	-	9.2	-	9.2	-
Travel of staff	391.5	9.6	-	401.1	23.6	424.7	-
General operating expenses	140.5	2.7	-	143.2	8.5	151.7	-
Rental of furniture and equipment	10.0	0.2	-	10.2	0.6	10.8	-
Communications	4.7	-	-	4.7	0.3	5.0	-
Official functions	2.4	0.1	-	2.5	0.1	2.6	-
Furniture and equipment	61.0	(52.4)	30.0	38.6	2.2	40.8	348.8
Grants	720.0	-	-	720.0	-	720.0	-
Total	7 315.8	20.0	120.8	7 456.6	548.3	8 004.9	3.2

TABLE 30.5. POST REQUIREMENTS

Organizational unit: Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-2	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-1	2	2	-	-	1	1	3	3
P-5	3	4	-	-	4	4	7	8
P-4	6	6	-	-	5	5	11	11
P-3	3	3	-	-	3	3	6	6
P-2/1	3	3	-	-	3	3	6	6
Total	19	20	-	-	16	16	35	36
General Service category								
Principal level	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	3
Other levels	9	9	-	-	21	21	30	30
Total	12	12	-	-	21	21	33	33
Grand total	31	32	-	-	37	37	68	69

30.1 Disaster relief operations are carried out by the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator (UNDRO) in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, which provides UNDRO's basic terms of reference. In its resolution 44/236 of 22 December 1989, the General Assembly proclaimed the 1990s as the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction and adopted an International Framework of Action for the Decade. During the biennium 1992-1993, UNDRO will emphasize efforts to achieve the objectives and goals of the Decade, in cooperation with the secretariat for the Decade, which is established in close association with UNDRO and funded from extrabudgetary sources. Details on staff and resources for the secretariat will be provided separately.

30.2 The programme of work for 1992-1993 is derived from Programme 37, Disaster relief and mitigation, and special emergency programmes, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 and amplified in UNDRO's three subprogrammes: (1) Disaster relief coordination, (2) Disaster mitigation, and (3) Disaster information.

30.3 In resolution 2816 (XXVI) establishing UNDRO the General Assembly defined its relief coordination functions and provided the key elements for subprogramme 1. It requested UNDRO to "mobilize, direct and coordinate the relief activities of the various organizations of the United Nations system" and to "coordinate United Nations assistance with assistance given by intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations". While disaster mitigation, which includes the concepts of prevention and preparedness, has always been a component of UNDRO's mandate, UNDRO will stress these activities in the context of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction.

30.4 UNDRO's basic strategies to achieve its objectives have stood the test of time. However, as disasters have become more numerous and their nature more complex, a shift of emphasis is required to meet new challenges of the Decade and to strengthen UNDRO's capacity to fulfil its mandate.

30.5 In accordance with General Assembly resolution 43/204 of 20 December 1988 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/63 of 26 July 1990, information activities will be strengthened, improving the technical support they provide to the relief response and disaster mitigation subprogrammes. In support of disaster relief coordination, information activities ensure that in the wake of a disaster, information is rapidly processed and disseminated in order to maximize relief efforts and reduce waste, duplication and the incidence of unmet needs. In support of disaster mitigation, research and analysis provide reliable information to disaster-prone countries and international organizations as a planning instrument for preparedness and prevention measures and programmes.

30.6 The number of non-governmental organizations providing relief assistance has multiplied and their contribution to disaster relief continues to grow. Efforts to increase the awareness of those organizations of the importance of mitigation activities will be intensified by UNDRO with the goal of raising the level of aid to this area.

30.7 Reflecting Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/63, UNDRO will continue its close cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), improving disaster management and promoting the integration of disaster mitigation into national development plans. Training programmes will focus on improving the management of emergency relief activities and reinforcing the linkage between disaster mitigation and disaster relief.

30.8 The estimated percentage distribution of the total resources of UNDRO would be as follows:

		Regular budget	Extrabudgetary
		(percentage)	
A.	Executive direction and management	18.3	1.2
B.	Programme of work	74.2	96.6
C.	Programme support	7.5	2.2
	Total	100.0	100.0

30.9 Within the programme of work, the estimated distribution of resources among subprogrammes would be as follows:

		Regular budget	Extrabudgetary
		(percentage)	
Subprogramme 1.*	Disaster relief coordination	40.0	86.5
Subprogramme 2.*	Disaster mitigation	33.0	12.2
Subprogramme 3.	Disaster information	27.0	1.3
	Total	100.0	100.0

* High priority.

A. Executive direction and management

TABLE 30.6. ANALYSIS OF OVERALL COSTS

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Main objects of expenditure	1990-1991 appropriation	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates: Revaluation of 1990-1991 resource base	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates: Resource growth	Total requirements at revised 1991 rates	Inflation in 1992 and 1993	1992-1993 estimates
Established posts	1 729.3	25.3	(793.0)	961.6	74.8	1 036.4
General temporary assistance	13.1	0.3	-	13.4	0.7	14.1
Overtime	1.2	0.1	-	1.3	-	1.3
Ad hoc expert groups	16.3	1.0	(17.3)	-	-	-
Common staff costs	553.7	8.7	(245.8)	316.6	24.4	341.0
Representation allowances	9.2	-	-	9.2	-	9.2
Travel of staff	55.3	1.4	-	56.7	3.3	60.0
Official functions	2.4	0.1	-	2.5	0.1	2.6
Total	2 380.5	36.9	(1 056.1)	1 361.3	103.3	1 464.6

TABLE 30.6 (continued)

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

	1990-1991 estimated expenditures	1992-1993 estimated expenditures
(a) Services in support of:		
(i) Other United Nations organizations	-	-
(ii) Extrabudgetary programmes		
Trust Fund for Strengthening the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator	760.0	870.0
Total (a)	760.0	870.0
(b) Substantive activities	-	-
Total (b)	-	-
(c) Operational projects	-	-
Total (c)	-	-
Total (a), (b) and (c)	760.0	870.0
Total		2 334.6

TABLE 30.7. POST REQUIREMENTS

Executive direction and management

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-2	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-5	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
P-3	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Total	6	3	-	-	1	1	7	4
General Service category								
Principal level	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
Other levels	5	1	-	-	3	3	8	4
Total	7	3	-	-	3	3	10	6
Grand total	13	6	-	-	4	4	17	10

30.10 The Office of the Coordinator provides overall direction, supervision and management of the United Nations Disaster Relief Office in the implementation of its legislative mandates and approved programme of work. The resources requested relate to the Office of the Coordinator and the New York Office of UNDRO.

30.11 The Office of the Disaster Relief Coordinator, in close cooperation with the secretariat for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, participates fully in concerted efforts to mobilize support for, and attain the goals and objectives of the Decade.

Resource requirements (at revised 1991 rates)

Established posts

30.12 In the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991, posts related to information activities (3 P-3 and 4 GS/OL) were shown under Executive direction and management. The medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as approved by the General Assembly, established a separate subprogramme for information activities, and the relevant posts and activities are accordingly reflected in the programme of work for 1992-1993.

Ad hoc expert groups

30.13 A reduction of $17,300 is proposed, based on past experience and expenditures.

Travel of staff

30.14 The estimated requirements of $56,700 would provide for missions to disaster-prone and disaster-stricken countries; attendance at sessions of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, and for consultations at Headquarters.

B. Programme of work

TABLE 30.8. ANALYSIS OF OVERALL COSTS

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Main objects of expenditure	1990-1991 appropriation	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates: Revaluation of 1990-1991 resource base	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates: Resource growth	Total requirements at revised 1991 rates	Inflation in 1992 and 1993	1992-1993 estimates
Established posts	2 337.0	11.9	891.4	3 240.3	277.8	3 518.1
General temporary assistance	70.9	2.5	-	73.4	4.2	77.6
Consultants	17.0	0.7	-	17.7	1.0	18.7
Overtime	19.7	0.7	-	20.4	1.3	21.7
Ad hoc expert groups	19.0	1.9	(20.9)	-	-	-
Common staff costs	713.5	3.9	276.4	993.8	85.0	1 078.8
Travel of staff	331.6	8.0	-	339.6	20.1	359.7
General operating expenses	133.4	2.6	-	136.0	8.1	144.1
Communications	4.7	-	-	4.7	0.3	5.0
Grants	720.0	-	-	720.0	-	720.0
Total	4 366.8	32.2	1 146.9	5 545.9	397.8	5 943.7

TABLE 30.8 (continued)

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

	1990-1991 estimated expenditures	1992-1993 estimated expenditures
(a) Services in support of:		
(i) Other United Nations organizations	-	-
(ii) Extrabudgetary programmes		
Trust Fund for Strengthening the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator	2 330.0	2 587.0
Total (a)	2 350.0	2 587.0
(b) Substantive activities		
Trust Fund for Disaster Relief Assistance	60 000.0	60 000.0
Sasakawa-UNDRO Disaster Prevention Award Endowment Fund	150.0	157.0
Total (b)	60 150.0	60 157.0
(c) Operational projects		
Trust Fund for UNDRO Technical Cooperation Activities	4 266.0	7 908.0
Total (c)	4 266.0	7 908.0
Total (a), (b) and (c)	66 766.0	70 652.0
Total		76 595.7

TABLE 30.9. POST REQUIREMENTS

Programme: Disaster relief coordination, mitigation and information

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	-	-	1	1	2	2
P-5	3	4	-	-	3	3	6	7
P-4	5	5	-	-	5	5	10	10
P-3	-	3	-	-	2	2	2	5
P-2/1	2	2	-	-	3	3	5	5
Total	11	15	-	-	14	14	25	29
General Service category								
Principal level	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Other levels	4	8	-	-	12	12	16	20
Total	5	9	-	-	12	12	17	21
Grand total	16	24	-	-	26	26	42	50

Subprogramme 1. Disaster relief coordination

30.15 UNDRO mobilizes and coordinates international aid with the aim of complementing the relief efforts of a disaster-stricken country and restoring normal living conditions to the disaster area. The subprogramme's goal is to assist recipients and donors alike in striving towards concerted and timely relief. While the focus is on sudden disasters, support is also provided to emergency programmes in response to long-term and complex disasters. Efforts will be directed at enhancing the effectiveness of two main groups of activity: coordination of disaster response; and relief preparations aimed at improving disaster response.

Activities:

International cooperation

(a) Emergency and humanitarian relief services: coordination of disaster response: 30 field assessment missions for on-site inspection to assess disaster damage and priority needs;* 100 appeals to the international community for coordinated relief aid launched on behalf of the Secretary-General; 400 situation reports, continuously updating humanitarian needs compared to contributions received and monitoring disaster developments. Support to national relief efforts includes advice and services in fields such as search and rescue, transport and telecommunications, relief logistics, repair of infrastructure; shipment and distribution of emergency supplies from UNDRO Supply Depot in Pisa, Italy; and 40 emergency cash grants with a ceiling of $50,000 per country in the case of any one disaster. Support to international relief efforts includes coordination of relief operations; coordination meetings in Geneva, New York, and in the field, as well as bilateral liaison with concerned Governments, aimed at avoiding unmet needs and duplication of assistance from organizations of the United Nations system, other relief organizations and donor Governments.

(b) Relief preparations: four post-disaster evaluation reports describing the national and international response to specific disasters, assessing achievements and shortcomings, and recommending improvements for future relief efforts; annual meetings with major search and rescue teams and computerization of data on their specialization, location and availability; 16 preparatory meetings with disaster management community, including one with intergovernmental bodies, one with non-governmental organizations, four meetings to focus on special interests, and 10 consultations at the headquarters of principal members of the disaster management community; research and analysis of disaster case histories and relief efforts for development of a database network system and standardized disaster statistics; maintenance of emergency stockpiles at the UNDRO Supply Depot in Pisa, Italy, and examination of future requirements for warehouses of relief supplies to enhance the international community's capacity to respond to immediate needs.

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* High priority.

Subprogramme 2. Disaster mitigation

30.16 UNDRO's disaster mitigation role is largely promotional and advisory, taking fully into account the expertise and facilities available within the United Nations system and in the academic and research fields. During the biennium 1992-1993, efforts will be directed towards achieving the objectives and goals of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, increasing awareness of the benefits of disaster mitigation, and the need to apply the new technologies to this area. In cooperation with UNDP, UNDRO will assist Governments in devising and implementing comprehensive disaster reduction programmes, advising on their linkage to national development plans, and stressing the need to include disaster mitigation measures in development projects, where appropriate.

Activities:

Operational activities

(a) Advisory services on: disaster reduction strategies formulated from 24 risk assessment surveys of prevailing hazards and their frequency and different levels of magnitude;* estimation of risk from possible disaster scenarios, i.e., expected damage and loss of life and property; promotion and monitoring of application of strategies to reduce those risks or provide early warning of their likely occurrence. Technical cooperation in strengthening existing disaster mitigation services; assistance in establishing new management institutions and arrangements for the mitigation of sudden disasters, through projects formulated on the basis of country surveys and 12 studies on the feasibility of creating institutional structures responsible for disaster mitigation and management at the national and subregional levels; and assistance with the adoption of recommendations in terms of legislation and technical planning;

(b) Group training, seminars and workshops: training programmes for the technical and organizational aspects of disaster mitigation, including the assignment of precise functions to appropriate governmental departments and agencies, and in pre-disaster planning for scenarios of major future risk. Thirty-two training projects with study tours, specialized training courses, regional seminars and workshops.

Subprogramme 3. Disaster information

30.17 The purpose of the subprogramme, through the timely dissemination of specialized information, is to enhance the quality and extent of disaster response and improve mitigation measures in disaster-prone developing countries. During the biennium 1992-1993, work will focus on improving this technical support to Subprogrammes 1 (Disaster relief coordination) and 2 (Disaster mitigation), with emphasis on efforts related to the Decade.

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* High priority.

Activities:

1. Operational activities

(a) Advisory services on: development of databases and information management mechanisms which must be in place prior to a disaster to expedite national and international relief, and as an essential element of mitigation;

(b) Group training, seminars and workshops: training in the use of telecommunications technologies and data management. One international workshop on disaster communications.**

2. Published materials

(a) Twelve issues of one recurrent publication: UNDRO News (published every two months);

(b) Seventeen to nineteen non-recurrent publications: Shelter problems in urban disasters; Review of disaster related training programmes in Member States; Study on disaster proneness of countries as a function of economic and related factors; Study on disaster mitigation in the South Pacific; Study on disaster mitigation in the Andean countries; Directory of disaster management expertise; Technical manual on relief coordination; Directory of training institutions; Mission/case/project reports on disaster relief/assessment (2-3 annually as required); Brochure on UNDRO Information Systems (1992) and revised edition (1993); Sales publication on risk assessment and mitigation in large cities; Study on disaster risk and mitigation in Africa; Study on disaster mitigation in Haiti; Study on disaster mitigation in Asia;

(c) Technical material: computerized registers process and update information on sudden disasters, donor specialization, stockpile inventories, country-level relief contacts, search and rescue teams, training institutions, disaster case histories, strengthening of infrastructure, logistical and statistical data. The content, capability and membership of the United Nations International Emergency Network (UNIENET), which facilitates the global exchange of disaster information, will be strengthened.* Development of an International Emergency Response Information System (IERIS) involving a systematic information exchange, including interactive databases, aims to provide real-time identification of needs and contributions in response to emergencies.

3. Information materials and services

(a) Booklets, pamphlets, fact sheets, information kits: information manuals on mitigation and preparation for disasters;

(b) Films and videotapes: video films for training programmes on disaster mitigation.

** Low priority.

* High priority.

Resource requirements (at revised 1991 rates)

Established posts

30.18 The estimated requirements for established posts ($3,240,300) and common staff costs ($993,800) reflect an increase of $891,400 and $276,400 respectively. In the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991, posts related to information activities (3 P-3 and 4 GS/OL) were shown under Executive direction and management. The medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 established a subprogramme for information activities which provides technical support to UNDRO's other subprogrammes hence the relevant posts and activities are reflected under the programme of work for 1992-1993. An additional P-5 post is requested for subprogramme 3 (Information activities) in 1992-1993. A major part of UNDRO's work, both in disaster relief and disaster mitigation, relates to processing and disseminating specialized information. The quality and timeliness of this information is critical to the effectiveness of UNDRO's programme of work. A new P-5 post would strengthen UNDRO's capacity to provide appropriate support to an increasing demand for its emergency and preparatory assistance.

General temporary assistance

30.19 The estimated requirements of $73,400 provide for temporary replacement during emergency situations when Geneva-based staff are on mission, and for temporary replacement of staff on maternity and sick leave.

Consultants

30.20 The estimated requirements of $17,700 provide for expertise on disaster preparedness and prevention under subprogramme 2.

Overtime

30.21 The estimated requirements of $20,400 cover overtime costs during emergencies.

Ad hoc expert groups

30.22 A reduction of $20,900 under this heading is proposed, based on past experience.

Travel of staff

30.23 The estimates of $339,600 are required for the following travel of staff:

Subprogramme 1 ($191,000): Field assessment and coordination missions to disaster-stricken countries to assess damage and emergency needs; to coordinate relief operations; and for consultations with the international disaster community;

Subprogramme 2 ($140,900): Missions to assist in the development of pre-disaster planning; for the promotion of disaster management strategies; and the formulation of mitigation projects;

Subprogramme 3 ($7,700): To provide support to the New York Office on information management and communications issues; and for consultations with counterparts in the information management and telecommunications fields.

General operating expenses

30.24 The estimated requirements of $136,000 relate principally to communications costs, to the rental of emergency telephone systems, and of computer terminals and telex lines used to dispatch disaster situation reports.

Communications

30.25 The estimated requirements of $4,700 provide for cable and long distance telephone expenses.

Grants

30.26 A provision of $720,000 is made pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 34/55 of 29 November 1979, 37/144 of 17 December 1982 and 38/202 of 20 December 1983, whereby the Coordinator is authorized to respond to requests for emergency disaster relief with grants of up to a total of $600,000 in any one year, with a ceiling of $50,000 per country in the case of any one disaster. Should it not be possible to stay within the resources approved for the section, the Secretary-General would obtain the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions prior to entering into additional commitments for this purpose.

C. Programme support

TABLE 30.10. ANALYSIS OF OVERALL COSTS

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Main objects of expenditure	1990-1991 appropriation	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates: Revaluation of 1990-1991 resource base	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates: Resource growth	Total requirements at revised 1991 rates	Inflation in 1992 and 1993	1992-1993 estimates
Established posts	270.2	0.4	-	270.6	27.5	298.1
General temporary assistance	130.5	2.2	-	132.7	7.9	140.6
Overtime	1.2	0.1	-	1.3	-	1.3
Common staff costs	83.9	0.1	-	84.0	8.4	92.4
Travel of staff	4.6	0.2	-	4.8	0.2	5.0
General operating expenses	7.1	0.1	-	7.2	0.4	7.6
Rental and maintenance of equipment	10.0	0.2	-	10.2	0.6	10.8
Communications	-	-	-	-	-	-
Furniture and equipment	61.0	(52.4)	30.0	38.6	2.2	40.8
Total	568.5	(49.1)	30.0	549.4	47.2	596.6

TABLE 30.10 (continued)

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

	1990-1991 estimated expenditures	1992-1993 estimated expenditures
(a) Services in support of:		
(i) Other United Nations organizations	-	-
(ii) Extrabudgetary programmes		
Special account for programme support costs for UNDRO	1 700.0	1 601.0
Total (a)	1 700.0	1 601.0
(b) Substantive activities	-	-
Total (b)	-	-
(c) Operational projects	-	-
Total (c)	-	-
Total (a), (b) and (c)	1 700.0	1 601.0
Total		2 197.6

TABLE 30.11. POST REQUIREMENTS

Programme support

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993
Professional category and above								
P-4	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-3	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
P-2/1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	2	2	-	-	1	1	3	3
General Service category								
Other levels	-	-	-	-	6	6	6	6
Total	-	-	-	-	6	6	6	6
Grand total	2	2	-	-	7	7	9	9

30.27 The Administrative Support Unit is responsible for the provision of personnel and financial services, resource planning, and maintenance of special accounts for relief assistance channelled through UNDRO.

Resource requirements (at revised 1991 rates)

Established posts

30.28 The estimated requirements of $270,600 for established posts and $84,000 for common staff costs reflect no changes under programme support.

General temporary assistance

30.29 The estimated requirements of $132,700 provide for 36 work-months of temporary assistance to enable the Geneva Office to discharge additional administrative responsibilities stemming from emergency activities.

Travel of staff

30.30 The estimated requirements of $4,800 provide for two visits to Headquarters for consultations with UNDP on the administration of joint projects.

General operating expenses

30.31 The estimated requirements of $7,200 provide for global communications expenditures.

Rental and maintenance of equipment

30.32 The estimated requirements of $10,200 provide for the maintenance of equipment.

Furniture and equipment

30.33 The estimated requirements of $38,600, which include an increase of $30,000, are to provide for the acquisition of data-processing and communications equipment.